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DEAN LOEB PLEADS THE RED CROSS CAUSE

Speaker at Commercial Club Asks for Increased County Membership.

15,000 BY CHRISTMAS Society Has Grown 3,000,000 in U. S. in 7 Months and Raised \$100,000,000.

"Have a heart and a dollar; that's all we ask of you," said Dean Isidor Loeb, in his appeal to Columbians, for their membership in the American Red Cross Society, at the Commercial Club luncheon this noon. Dean Loeb is manager for Boone County in the Red Cross campaign which begins on "Volunteer Monday," December 18.

"We want 15,000 members by Christmas Eve, 6,000 of whom we want from Boone County," said Dean Loeb. That every man and woman ought to register for this invaluable service was forcibly emphasized by the speaker. The purpose and growth of the Red Cross during peace and war time was cited, with figures which showed that the society has grown from a membership of 2,000,000 when war was declared to 5,000,000 now. "In that length of time, seven months, we have raised \$100,000,000 which is the largest amount ever accumulated for such a purpose," continued Dean Loeb. "Another feature of the society," added the speaker, "is the fact that there are fewer paid officials in it than in any other similar organization." Donations were urged by virtue of this fact.

That the American Red Cross is a permanent institution, and that civilian relief is as much a part of its program as is foreign aid and hospitals, were strongly emphasized by the speaker. He pointed out that families of soldiers and sailors may be relieved of suffering by services of the Red Cross.

Next Sunday, December 17, which is Red Cross Sunday by authorization of the United States Government, will be observed through the country, and a big meeting is to be held in the Hall Theater that evening in behalf of the Red Cross of Boone County. Doctor Bidding, an eminent minister of St. Louis, will deliver an address, Monday, "Volunteer Monday," on which day all membership dues are payable, though one doesn't have to wait until that date to petition for membership. "This may be done at any of the banks right now," said Dean Loeb. To every one subscribing to the Red Cross will be given a service flag, in design a red cross on a white field surrounded by a blue border. If every member of the family joins, each will be represented in the flag by a red cross. Dean Loeb asks that these flags be displayed.

"I have seen them all, and there is no more important organization than the Red Cross," said W. L. Nelson, former assistant secretary of the State Board of Agriculture and a Columbian who has been in the East. "I used to be only a slight believer in the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and the Red Cross, but after having seen the influence of these organizations around army camps, I have become a firm believer in all of them." "I can vouch for Camp Mills," added Mr. Nelson. "It is absolutely as clean as it could be, and the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross are responsible."

"Dean Loeb has covered the ground thoroughly in his speech," said Mr. Nelson, "but let me add that any man or woman who fails to sign up for or was a hearty applause at this juncture Red Cross work is a slacker." There were.

About 150 persons attended the luncheon which was served in the Elvira Building.

BITTING A RED CROSS SPEAKER

Relatives of Those in Service to Sit on Stage.

"Mothers, fathers and wives of men in military service will be cordially invited to occupy seats on the stage of the Hall Theater at the patriotic mass meeting Sunday night," said Dean Isidor Loeb today. Dr. W. C. Biting, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of St. Louis, has been obtained to speak at the meeting instead of J. S. Leahy.

The Red Cross service flags which are given to families buying Red Cross memberships are intended for display in the windows instead of Christmas wreaths, according to Dean Loeb. "Since this is a Christmas campaign and the memberships take the place of gifts to the soldiers and sailors I hope there will be a large sale of presents for the enlisted men."

Business men can give impetus to the campaign at this time, the committee declared, by becoming members of the organization at once and displaying the service flags in their windows before Volunteer Day, next Monday. These may be obtained tomorrow from the following in Columbia: B. C. Hunt, Columbia Savings Bank; R. R. Judy, Boone County Trust Company; M. P. Thurston, Exchange National Bank; W. T. Conley, Conley & Myers Bank; W. A. Shaw, Boone County National Bank.

THE CALENDAR

Dec. 13.—Nine more shopping days before Christmas.
Dec. 14.—The Columbia Equal Suffrage League will meet at 7:30 o'clock Friday night at the home of Mrs. W. E. Harshe, 400 South Sixth street, instead of Thursday.
Dec. 17.—Meeting of Play Reading Club at Faculty Union at 7:30 p. m. Houghton's "Hindie Wakes" will be read.
Dec. 21.—Friday, 4 p. m.—Christmas holidays begin.
Jan. 3.—Thursday, 8 a. m.—Christmas holidays end.
Jan. 14-18.—Farmer's Week.

HALT GERMAN DRIVE

Despite Large Losses, Italian Forces Hold Territory Along Piave River.

By Associated Press
ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 13.—General von Buelow's German troops have joined the Austrians and Bohemians under Field Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorff in a series of heavy assaults during the last two days, between the Brenta and Piave rivers, just north of Monte Grappa.

The fighting has been severe and has been attended by large losses, but in the main the Italian line has been sustained with the exception of an indentation at Monte Stinorcia, where the enemy obtained a temporary foothold.

Artillery duels early yesterday were followed by infantry rushes of the Austrians on the right and the Germans on the left. The Fourth Austrian Division of the right had a number of Bohemian regiments in the front lines. These men are fresh from the Russian-Galician front.

A desperate battle is going on around Beretta, where the Austrians were aided by uninterrupted fire from the batteries on the western bank of the Brenta River in the positions established when the lines were reformed last week.

For some time Beretta positions were in the path of the enemy's counter-attacks as they overlook the main Italian strongholds.

German reserve forces were engaged for the first time since they were used in the big Isonzo offensive. The result of a two day's battle has shown no marked advance of the enemy positions leading toward the Venetian plains, which is their real aim.

U-BOAT FEAR ABATED

November Is Reported Red Letter Month in Anti-Submarine Warfare.

By Associated Press
LONDON, Dec. 13.—Despite the fairly large number of sinkings reported this week, there is no decrease in optimism among those who know the submarine war situation. They see no reason for modification or alteration of Premier Lloyd George's statement on November 20, that there is no longer any fear of the submarine proving a decisive factor in the war.

Events since November 20, in fact, have tended to increase rather than decrease the confidence with which the Premier spoke. The month of November was a red letter month in the anti-U-boat war. The loss of tonnage during that month was the lowest since the unrestricted submarine campaign began.

The sinkings of enemy submarines were the greatest ever recorded in a single month. The launching of new merchantmen from British shores came within measurable distance of equaling the loss of tonnage by submarine attacks. The difference between the sinkings and launchings was so slight that, if the Germans had sunk one or two less ships, there would actually have been more tonnage launched than sunk.

The sinkings of submarines during November were within measurable distance of the largest number the German U-boat yards are capable of turning out in the same period. The destruction of submarines was by no means due to any spectacular run of luck, but to a comprehensive anti-submarine campaign involving many devices and embracing many phases—a campaign which will grow more efficient as time goes on, according to expert opinion.

BREWER IS AN OPTIMIST

His Team Didn't Win a Game, But He Is Still Cheerful.

By Associated Press
EAST LANSING, Mich., Dec. 13.—Coach Brewer of the Michigan Aggies' football eleven is looking forward to 1918 with two happy realizations. His team can't do any worse than it did this year, when it failed not only to win a game, but did not earn a touchdown until the closing game with Syracuse. Brewer also is cheered by the fact that he had a pretty fair freshman eleven this year and that it was strong where the varsity was weak—in the backfield. Graves, Mueller and Noblet proved fine ground gainers and they are expected to try for the team next autumn.

LAWYERS WILL GIVE MEN DRAFT ADVICE

To Be Stationed in Probate Court Room to Help in Classification.

17 PLEDGE TO WORK

War Savings Campaign Is Endorsed—J. P. McBaine Heads Association.

Frank G. Harris, chairman of the Legal Advisory Board of Boone County, organized to aid drafted men in filling out classification blanks and performing other duties incumbent upon their enlistment, today asked the lawyers to do their bit and serve on the board, at a meeting of the Boone County Bar Association. Mr. Harris said that he had received a letter from Adjutant General J. H. McCord, in which he had said that the work of the board was important because it would "go toward convincing all registrants that they had had a fair hearing and a just decision by their local board."

The seventeen lawyers present unanimously took the oath to serve on the board, swearing to "support the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; to bear true faith and allegiance to same; to take this obligation freely and without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and to well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which they are about to enter."

The first blanks to the drafted men will be sent out Saturday, so it was decided to station four lawyers from 9 to 12 o'clock in the morning and from 1 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon of each day, for twenty days, beginning with next Monday, in the Probate Court Room on the second floor of the Courthouse. The following attorneys will be there to help any drafted man fill out his blank:

Monday, J. L. Stephens, Boyle G. Clark, M. R. Conley and O. M. Barnett; Tuesday, H. D. Murry, T. T. Simmons, D. W. B. Kurtz, Jr., and J. E. Boggs; Wednesday, G. S. Starrett, L. T. Searcy, W. M. Dinwiddie and C. B. Sebastian; Thursday, J. P. McBaine, F. G. Harris, W. H. Sapp and J. F. Murry; Friday, N. T. Gentry, Ralph T. Finley, L. M. Price and J. C. Gillespy; Saturday, Lee Walker, H. A. Collier, L. M. Switzer and R. E. Holloway.

The following resolution, introduced by H. D. Murry, was passed: "Resolved, that the association heartily indorses and approves of the Government campaign for war savings stamps and urges the people of the county to energetically get behind the Government in this great financial and patriotic movement."

Another meeting to further discuss the work of the advisory board has been called for 10 o'clock Saturday morning. An effort is being made to get the Boone County lawyers living out of Columbia present. The following officers elected this morning will be installed at that time: President, J. P. McBaine; vice-president, E. C. Anderson; secretary, George Starrett; treasurer, M. R. Conley.

DISPROVES KNITTING IN CLASS

Miss Eva Johnston Says It Detracts From Work—Use Spare Time.

"I do not approve of girls knitting in the class because their whole attention should be given to class work. Their first duty is to the University," said Miss Eva Johnston when asked her opinion yesterday. "But I do believe that they should knit at all sorts of odd hours when chatting or when waiting for lunch."

Miss Millicent Mattox, president of the knitting club, said that she could see no reason why girls should not knit in classes if the professor did not object and if no notes had to be taken.

Many girls, who feel that their patriotic duty to use every possible moment, take their knitting to the classroom. Some professors do not object. W. H. Pommer permits the girls to knit in his class in appreciation of music.

The girls have almost ceased to knit on bright colored yarns. With the actual departure of our boys for camp and for France the seriousness of the situation has sobered the gay reds and blues to olive drab and gray. Each girl seems intent on sending at least two sweaters to France.

COUNTY ROADS ARE GOOD

No More Steel Will Be Used for Bridges During War.

The fifteen hundred and twenty-five miles of road that Boone County owns are in the best condition in their history. H. E. Brown, county engineer, said today. The dirt roads are hard and smooth. The road to Harrisburg is particularly excellent, he says. It has not been estimated whether the expenditures for roads and bridges this year will equal the \$90,984.52 spent in 1916.

Mr. Brown says that no more steel bridge work will be put in until the prices go down. The county's policy of using concrete exclusively for culverts will continue through the war.

TEACHERS FROM 11 STATES MEET HERE

President Hill Opens Meeting of Trainers of Manual Arts Workers.

SPEECHES ARE GIVEN

J. H. Coursault Tells Instructors to Do Social Reconstruction Work.

President A. Ross Hill made the welcoming speech at the meeting of specialists in the training of industrial and manual arts teachers, at 10 o'clock this morning in the faculty room of the library. He was followed by Prof. J. H. Coursault, acting dean of the School of Education, who talked about the opportunity of manual arts teachers to make democracy safe for the world in the social reconstruction work. He said that a liberal education was an essential part of every teacher's preparation making him able to appreciate values, prevent class spirit and take an active part in social work.

Dr. J. L. Meriam invited the visitors to inspect the University High School and the Elementary School. Prof. A. T. Siefert of Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Ill., gave a report of the results of investigations he has made of the curricula for the preparation of manual arts teachers. He emphasized the differences in the amount of technical training and liberal education required by various institutions for graduation and concluded that it would be better if all schools agreed on the minimum essentials of preparation for teachers.

Professor Siefert also believes that teachers should be more thoroughly prepared in the special subject they intend to teach. "If possible, he said, greater care should be taken to make sure that students getting a certificate to teach measure up to the standards set for that certificate. An open discussion of the question of curricula for the preparation of manual training teachers was held before the meeting adjourned to the cafeteria for lunch.

The men attending this meeting represent eleven states in the Mississippi Valley. They are: E. L. Uary, Ohio State University; F. H. Selden, State Normal, Valley City, N. D.; A. T. Siefert, Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Ill.; F. C. Whitecomb, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; R. W. Selvidge, Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.; Fred Buxton, Stout Institute, Menomonee, Wis.; Hans Schmidt, Oshkosh Normal, Oshkosh, Wis.; Arthur Mays, Normal School, Huntsville, Tex.; C. S. Van Deusen, State Normal, Kent, Ohio; Charles A. Bennett, Bradley Institute, Peoria, Ill.; E. Pilby, University of Chicago; W. E. Roberts, Cleveland, Ohio; Dean J. R. Jewell, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.; S. M. Barrett, state director of vocational education, Oklahoma; J. H. Tipton, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; G. A. McGarney, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.; H. H. Bratcher, State Normal School, Emporia, Kan.; H. C. Givens, State Normal School, Pittsburg, Kan.; M. L. Laubach, Terra Haute, Ind.

Dr. W. T. Bowden of the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. presided at the meeting.

TO DEDICATE CAPITOL JUNE 24
Commission Selects St. John's Day for Formal Ceremony.

Saint John's Day, June 24, is the date chosen for the dedication of the new State Capitol. E. W. Stephens, chairman of the State Capitol Commission, said that this day was chosen not only because the grounds and the buildings would be entirely finished then, but it represents the anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone three years ago.

The celebration will last two days. On the first there will be speeches by prominent men of the state and the dedication ceremony. On the second day the plan is to give a state historical pageant of spectacular significance.

C. A. McCanse Into the Navy.

C. A. McCanse, who enlisted in the United States Navy last week, has just returned from St. Louis, where he successfully passed the final examination. He will spend a few days here and then go to his home at Mt. Vernon, Mo., before he reports for duty on December 27.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Generally fair continued cold tonight. Friday cloudy with slowly rising temperature. Saturday snow flurries. Lowest temperature tonight probably 10 below zero.

For Missouri: Unsettled tonight with snow west portions; colder southern portion. Friday probably snow; rising temperature east and south portions.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature tonight will be 5 to 10 below zero in all directions.

Weather Conditions.
Another cold wave has overspread all of the country lying between the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachian Mountains. Temperatures ranged from about 36 below zero along the Canadian border to about zero along the Oklahoma-Texas border; the freezing line runs to San Antonio.

Light snow has fallen over most of the northern, central, and eastern states, and the country south to northern Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia.

In several days fair weather and snow flurries alternating.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 24 and the lowest last night was 4; precipitation .000; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 72 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 25 and the lowest 7; precipitation .001 inch.

The Almanac.
Sun rises today, 7:20 a. m. Sun sets, 4:47 p. m.
Moon rises 6:38 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.
7 a. m. 6 11 a. m. 1
8 a. m. 7 12 a. m. 1
9 a. m. 6 1 p. m. 2
10 a. m. 4 2 p. m. 4

TEN BELOW TONIGHT

Cold Wave Strikes Columbia Sooner Than It Was Expected.

The new cold wave predicted yesterday struck Columbia sooner than was expected. It swooped down last night and about the time most persons were getting down town this morning the Government thermometer registered 7 degrees below zero. And that isn't all. The Weather Bureau says that tonight the temperature will drop to 10 degrees below. It will continue cold for several days, with occasional snow flurries.

Bedding is the need of the poor in this freezing weather, and the Columbia charity organization society has none, according to D. E. Major, field agent for the society. Every day there is a call for it. Clothing is the next demand and the supply is not very great, Mr. Major said. This lack of bedding and clothing increases the demand for coal.

There were from six to eight calls for help in the last few days as a result of the zero weather. The cry is mostly for coal. The organization sends those in need ten bushels where the demand is justified. At one place yesterday, Mr. Major found a widow who had two children. There was no coal. One of the boys was in school; the other boy was at a neighbor's fire, trying to keep warm.

"That's the way they do," said Mr. Major. "One family stays at one house while they have coal, then the other family goes to their place to keep warm when they have coal. They have to get along some way."

"Any bedding or clothing," said Mr. Major, "that persons do not need will be welcomed by the organization at headquarters. The need for provisions is not so great as the need for bedding and clothing."

E. H. SHAW A FORMER STUDENT

Man Reported as Having Died in France Has Cousin in University.

R. C. Morris of Greenfield, a student in the University, is a cousin of Erwin H. Shaw, who was reported yesterday as having died of ptomaine poison in France while in the aero squadron signal corps. The telegram sent to Columbia should have been directed to Miss Claire Shaw, instead of Mrs. Clair Shaw. Miss Shaw conducts a picture show at Ava, Mo.

Mr. Shaw went to Park College for a year, then attended the University of Valparaiso, Ind., another year and then came here. He was a student one year in the School of Engineering. This was two years ago. His sister was a junior in the School of Journalism the same time he was here.

When the brother and sister left here they went to Ava. There Mr. Shaw remained until he joined the service in June as a mechanic. He was one of the men to go to Paris with the first squad of aviators.

COAL PRICES HERE LOW NOW

Fuel Board Allows \$5.75 for Illinois and \$3.75 for Home Fuel.

"Prices for coal are lower in Columbia than in any town of the state its size, so far as we know," said H. A. Collier, chairman of the United States Fuel Board for Boone County, this afternoon. The local prices were set at a meeting of the board yesterday afternoon. Dealers may sell Illinois coal for \$5.75 a ton and Boone County coal for \$3.75.

No Change in Holidays

There was a persistent rumor among University students today that the University would close early for the holidays because of lack of fuel. The University has twelve cars of coal on the way and expects to provide heat and light as usual until the holidays begin Friday of next week.

FORCE MUST DECIDE, SLAVIC WRITER SAYS

Peace Settlement in Russia Impossible, Petrograd Man Asserts.

IRON HAND RULES

Bolsheviks Gain Ground by Force—Siberian Troops Organizing.

By Associated Press

LONDON, Dec. 13.—In a long review of the Russian situation, the Petrograd correspondent of the Post says there is no prospect of a peaceful settlement and that henceforth force must decide everything. The secret of the successes throughout the country of the Bolsheviks, he writes, is that they represent the iron hand.

What is behind them is as yet undisclosed, but among the influential members of their organization are men who are prominent in the secret political police of the empire, which once ruled Russia. These men, according to the correspondent, are introducing dissension everywhere.

He continues: "Although floods of indignation are being poured out daily upon the Bolsheviks, it is beyond question that they are gaining ground in Russia, simply because they use a strong hand, which is the only thing the Russians in general appreciate. Their methods might horrify the West, but would be perfectly understood east of the Suez. For example, in the last three weeks there have been taken out of the rivers and canals of Petrograd 7,000 naked corpses of persons whose deaths were not caused by drowning."

Referring to the Siberian declaration of independence, he says the Siberian troops are being organized under General Pleskoff, one of the best known officers. It is reported that the Siberians have declared in favor of a monarchy. The correspondent asserts that, although the story of the activities of the Cossacks in the southeast vary, it is certain they are standing for law and order.

He predicts that eventually the Russians will again present a front against the Germans. "Among the highly important facts," he continues, "is the recovery of the Russian people to the idea of independence and self-government. It has again established the patriarchy and is preparing to take an important part in the present struggle."

TIMES IN NEW HANDS

Now Under Direction of Mayor Boggs and Associates.

The Columbia Daily Times, a morning paper published on North Eighth street, has again changed management. According to an announcement made in that paper, it will be conducted under the active management of James E. Boggs, Percy Klass, B. D. Simon, V. G. Hawkins and Louis Bowman.

Mr. Boggs holds the office of mayor of Columbia and clerk of the Circuit Court. He is a member of the State Democratic Committee and, according to his friends, will be a candidate to succeed Dorsey W. Shackelford for Congress from this district or for state auditor at the next state election. Mr. Klass is a member of the City Council and has been active in recent years in city politics. It is reported that he will be a candidate at the next election for state representative to succeed W. H. Sapp.

Mr. Simon is a contractor and has received several contracts from the present administration for municipal work. Mr. Hawkins is a printer, now employed at the office of the Times, who has served as a member of the City Council. Mr. Bowman is a student in the University.

LELAND STANFORD HEAD COMING

Dr. R. L. Wilbur of Food Administration Working Among Schools.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, a member of the United States Food Administration and president of Leland Stanford University, will come to Columbia December 21—in the interest of organizing the educational institutions of the state for co-operation with the Food Administration. Doctor Wilbur will probably address the students and townspeople at a special assembly in the University Auditorium at 10 o'clock the morning of December 21.

Doctor Wilbur's visit to Missouri will include visits to St. Louis on December 21, and Kansas City on December 22. He is touring the Middle Western states in the interest of the Food Administration.

Doctor Wilbur gave his services voluntarily to the work of the Food Administration. He is an intimate friend of Herbert Hoover, and is familiar with the needs and purposes of the administration and speaks authoritatively.

On the afternoon of his visit to Columbia, Doctor Wilbur will hold a conference with F. B. Mumford, state food administrator and his assistants, the extension workers of the College of Agriculture and other divisions of the University.